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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH  
NORTH KOREA

REF: (A) MONROVIA 340 (B) SEOUL 474

1. ROK FIRST SECRETARY PAK RECENTLY MADE REPRESENTATION UNDER INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT OF GOL/NK RELATIONS. HE SAID ROKG WAS CONCERNED BY DECEMBER 20 JOINT COMMUNIQUE FROM PYONGYANG ESTABLISHING RELATIONS, AND REQUESTED THAT USG SEEK TO INFLUENCE GOL NOT TO EXCHANGE MISSIONS OR AMBASSADORS, CITING PREVIOUS INSTANCES OF SIMILAR USG ACTION WITH AF GOVERNMENTS, KENYA IN 1964 AND CHAD IN 1969. PAK SAID ROK EMBASSY WAS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH TO LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR HERE AND LATER REPORTED AMBASSADOR HAD PROMISED TO ADVISE GOL TO WITHHOLD EX-CHANGE.

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2. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM HERE EXACTLY WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED. PYONGYANG PRESS HAS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY ISSUED IN PYONGYANG DECEMBER 20. QUOTE. THE DPRK GOVERNMENT AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA GOVERNMENT AGREED UPON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND EXCHANGING DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF COMPLETE EQUALITY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. END QUOTE. WE INFER FROM THIS STATEMENT AND PAK'S REPRESENTATION THAT ISSUE IS EXCHANGE OF MISSIONS OR AMBASSADORS RATHER THAN AGREEMENT ON RECOGNITION. WE ALSO NOTE THAT GOL SEEMS IN NO HURRY TO GO BEYOND INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY IN LOW-KEY MANNER WOULD INFORM GOL THAT WE WOULD HOPE ANY EXCHANGE OF MISSIONS WITH NORTH KOREA COULD BE DEFERRED AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. EMBASSY MIGHT POINT OUT THAT ROKG ON JANUARY 18 TOOK MAJOR INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING TO NORTH CONCLUSION OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT. NORTH HAS NOT YET RESPONDED BUT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE STATES FRIENDLY TO ROK MIGHT CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH ACTION FAVORABLE TO NORTH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS CONSTRUCTIVE ROK INITIATIVE. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS EMBASSY COULD POINT OUT THAT WHILE ROK HAS PUBLICLY STATED WILLINGNESS TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS, COMMUNIST STATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN WILLING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH SEOUL. IN ORDER FOR ROK TO SUSTAIN ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL POSITION, AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON NORTH KOREANS TO MOVE TOWARD MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT FRIENDS OF ROK POSTPONE PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREANS, UNTIL WE SEE SOME INDICATIONS OF RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR THE SOUTH. KISSINGER

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